



North Carolina Occupational Projections 2004- 2014

Top 15 Fastest Growing Occupations Requiring a Bachelor's Degree ¹	Annual Average Openings ²	Top 15 Fastest Growing Occupations Requiring an Associates Degree ¹	Annual Average Openings ²	Top 15 Fastest Growing Occupations Requiring Post-Secondary Vocational Training ¹	Annual Average Openings ²
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$37,588/year*	1,630	Registered Nurses, including Nursing Administration and Instruction \$24.99/hour	4,100	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants \$9.85/hour	1,940
Accountants and Auditors \$25.91/hour	970	Computer Support Specialists \$20.58/hour	630	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$17.29/hour	1,100
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Education \$38,848/year*	950	Paralegals and Legal Assistants \$17.11/hour	340	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education \$9.02/hour	810
Middle School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Education \$38,232/year*	810	Radiologic (X-Ray and Radiation Therapy) Technologists and Technicians \$21.87/hour	310	Licensed Practical and Voc. Nurses \$16.80/hour	720
Computer Systems Analysts \$33.45/hour	600	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians \$15.28/hour	290	Medical Secretaries \$12.48/hour	540
Construction Managers \$33.24/hour	590	Dental Hygienists \$27.59/hour	290	Hairdresser, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists \$12.74/hour	400
Computer Software Engineers, Applications \$37.11/hour	480	Medical Records and Health Information Technicians \$12.51/hour	260	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists \$17.14/hour	380
Network Systems & Data Communications Analysts \$30.40/hour	470	Respiratory Therapists \$20.92/hour	180	Real Estate Sales Agents \$26.66/hour	370
Network and Computer Systems Administrators \$29.31/hour	370	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technicians \$22.25/hour	160	Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors \$12.55/hour	290
Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software \$39.96/hour	360	Biological Technicians \$17.85/hour	130	Emerg. Med. Tech. and Paramedics \$13.35/hour	280
Special Education Teachers \$38,374/year*	360	Veterinary/Laboratory Animal Care Technologists and Technicians \$12.02/hour	130	Legal Secretaries \$15.82/hour	230
Child, Family and School Social Workers \$17.81/hour	330	Civil Engineering Technicians \$18.28/hour	120	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians \$19.30/hour	220
Insurance Sales Agents \$23.53/hour	320	Physical Therapist Assistants \$19.47/hour	120	Medical Transcriptionists \$14.03/hour	180
Employment Specialists \$23.08/hour	290	Industrial Engineering Technicians \$22.97/hour	90	Library Technicians \$13.60/hour	150
Financial Analysts \$30.55/hour	270	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers \$28.77/hour	90	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines \$17.17/hour	120

Source: 1-Occupational employment and Wages (OES) program annual survey, June 2006 release. 2-Projections Unit: 2004 to 2014 occupational and industrial employment projections . * Projected teacher salaries only available on an annual basis.

The occupational projections presented in this brochure were produced by ESC Labor Market Analysts. Analysts use industrial data to review historical patterns of employment to predict future employment. In addition, analysts examine changes in technology and other factors to predict the number, wage level and location of future jobs. The changes in occupations described in this brochure are based on historic trends and staffing patterns. However, significant events can alter these trends. Regardless, the need for additional skills and training will likely continue.

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